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SUBJECT: LACK OF OIL DRILLING ACTIVITY BY U.S. FIRM

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1. SCOTT REAVES, CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL SUBSEAS DEV CORP. (ISDC) (A PARTNER OF INTERSEAS ASSOC.) ADVISES COMMERCE'S FOREIGN INVESTMENT SERVICES STAFF (FISS) THAT INTERSEAS INTENDS TO BEGIN OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN BURUNDI BY END OF FEBRUARY 1975.

2. INTERSEAS ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A JOINT VENTURE WITH A MAJOR U.S. COMPANY FOR THIS PROJECT AND NOW WAITING FOR DECISION FROM ST. JOE MINERALS. REAVES CLAIMS INTERSEAS WILL PROCEED WITH EXPLORATION SCHEDULE REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ST. JOE OR OTHERS.

3. REAVES STATES THAT JOHN THOMAS, PRESIDENT OF I.S.D.C. HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH BURUNDI OFFICIALS IN BUJUMBURA

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ABOUT HIS PLANS FOR EXPLORATION. REAVES SAID THOMAS HAS HAD

SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH PATRICE MIKANAGU, COUNSELLOR IN
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BURUNDI TO THE U.N. IN NEW YORK.
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